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[redacted]
Dome Hotel

[redacted] Cyprus

Dear [redacted]

I have talked with [redacted] since his return and
am pleased to know that all apparently goes well on Cyprus.

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He brought with him a copy of the letter dated 28 May
1948 addressed to you and signed by [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] in which they make the United States Government a propo-
sition concerning the construction of 15 houses. Apparently [redacted]
[redacted] attitude on this matter has changed considerably since
I was there in February. I am not prepared to recommend that the
Government accept this proposition, for several reasons. First,
I do not know what your specific recommendations are. Do you
propose that locally hired personnel live in these houses, or are
they for Americans? I should think that locally hired people would
be accustomed to local living conditions and that this construction
might not be necessary for them. As for American personnel, they
can live at the hotel, at least for a limited period of time, and
I think probably unmarried personnel would prefer to live there for
a considerable time. I simply do not believe that at this stage of
the game our staffing plans are sufficiently formulated for me to
recommend to the Government that we accept the proposition such as
that offered in [redacted] letter. If he can build these houses
in five months, it would seem to me advisable to wait until we know
a little more specifically what our needs are before we enter into
any such contract. Furthermore, if he is a good businessman I
should think that he would not need such a guarantee prior to start-
ing at least some construction.

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I should like to hear from you at your earliest convenience
relative to this matter, and if you recommend that we enter into
formal negotiations, I will need a very strong justification therefor
with complete details.

Sincerely,

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